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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gary D. HODGEN et al.

Group Art Unit: 1614

Serial No.: 08/462,703

Examiner: K. Jordan

Filed: June 5, 1995

For: ANTIPROGESTIN METHOD AND KIT FOR REDUCING SIDE EFFECTS

ASSOCIATED WITH LOW DOSAGE HRT, ORAL CONTRACEPTION AND

REGULATING MENSES

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF FIRST SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R.-\$1-129

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a), Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the finality of the office Action issued March 17, 1997. The fee of \$790.00 under §1.17(r) is enclosed.

Applicants also hereby request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). A Notice of Appeal was filed (along with a three-month extension of time) on September 17, 1997. The five-month extension of time fee of \$2,060.00 is included in the attached check.

Applicants are therefore entitled to have the accompanying submission entered and considered on the merits after final rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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